REMARKS

Examination of this application is requested.

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APPENDIX 1

"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" IN THE CLAIMS

(Amended) A modular air induction assembly comprising:
 an air induction body;

an air filter operatively attached to said air induction body; [and]

a speaker operatively attached to said air induction body[.];

at least one air inlet formed between said speaker and said air induction body to receive air; and

at least one channel between said air inlet and said air filter to permit air flow to said air filter, wherein said air filter is downstream from said speaker.

- 4. (Amended) The air induction system of claim [3] 1 wherein said channel is at least partially formed by a channel body disposed in said air induction body.
- 10. (Amended) The air induction system of claim 1 wherein said air [flow] <u>induction</u> body comprises at least a first portion and a second portion selectively connected to each other.

- 18. (Amended) The air induction system of claim 11 wherein said air [flow] <u>induction</u> body comprises at least a first portion and a second portion selectively connected to each other.
- 19. (Amended) A method of assembling an air induction system comprising;
 providing an air flow body;
 attaching a speaker to the air flow body;
 attaching an air filter to the air flow body to form a modular combination; and
 then assembling the modular combination of air flow body, speaker, and air filter into
 a vehicle by inserting the air flow body into a sleeve sized to receive said air flow body.

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